

South Coast 101 HOV Lanes Project

Summary Sheet



Project Description

This project proposes to add a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction of U.S. 101 between Bailard Avenue (PM 1.4) in the City of Carpinteria and Sycamore Creek (PM 12.3) in the City of Santa Barbara. This is the last phase of a four phase strategy for providing HOV lane continuity in northern Ventura and southern Santa Barbara counties. With the completion of this project, 30 lane-miles of new HOV lanes will be added on U.S. 101. Without this project, congested, stop-and-go conditions are expected to occur 11 hours per day in this corridor by 2040.

The proposed HOV lanes are part of a larger vision by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) to provide congestion relief and encourage a mode shift away from single occupant vehicle travel in this corridor. The approved local transportation sales tax measure -- Measure A -- includes a number of projects to facilitate this mode shift. Other locally funded improvements include express bus services, a well-funded ride matching/Bike/TDM program, commuter friendly rail improvements, and local transit services.

This portion of U.S. 101 is a critical connection for interregional travel and goods movement between San Jose and Los Angeles. Regionally, it is also the only viable route for travel between Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. It also serves as an alternative route to I-5 when it is closed by weather or emergencies. U.S. 101 within the project limits is a Focus Route, a Strategic Highway Network Corridor (STRAHNET) route, and a State Highway Extra Legal Load (SHELL) route.

Project Sponsors

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and Caltrans are the primary project sponsors. A coordinated SHOPP funded rehabilitation project is also being developed within the same project limits.

Project Status

The Final EIR/EA for the project was approved in August 2014. Four to five individual construction phases are anticipated. The current schedule anticipates that the first phase of the project would begin construction in fall 2018.

Total Project Cost

The total escalated project cost is \$489 million.

Unfunded Portion of Project Cost

This is SBCAG's highest priority project. SBCAG expects to contribute the majority of their STIP-RIP controlled shares to this project over the next decade, as well as a \$140 million contribution in local sales measure funds. With this assumption, the remaining unfunded balance is \$212 million for construction capital and support.

Project Fact Sheet

Attached